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TO: Iowa Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Providers, Targeted Case Managers and Department of Human Services (DHS) Service Workers

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: HCBS Elderly, Health and Disability (HD), and Physical Disability (PD) Waiver Amendment Public Comment Period

The IME is preparing to submit amendments to the Elderly, HD, and PD waivers to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). As part of the amendment process, the state is opening a public comment period for feedback on the amendments from December 15, 2014, through January 14, 2015.

The amendments include:

- Adjustment to Waiver Slots
- The HCBS Setting Requirements
- The HCBS Person-Centered Planning Requirements
- The Limits of the Legal Representative as a Paid Employee
- Consumer Choices Option (CCO) Changes that Clarify How the CCO Budget Can Be Used to Pay for Goods and Services
- Transportation Reimbursement Changes
- Consumer Directed Attendant Care (CDAC) Phase-Out/Personal Care Phase-In

The draft amendments are posted on the [Home and Community Based Services](#)¹ webpage along with other related documents. This notice is also being distributed to provider associations, consumer advocacy organizations and other interested stakeholders.

Comments regarding the draft amendments should be submitted in writing to: HCBSsettings@dhs.state.ia.us. All comments will be reviewed, summarized, and responses developed. Appropriate suggestions will be incorporated into the draft amendments and responses to public comments will be posted on the DHS website.

Please submit any questions to HCBSsettings@dhs.state.ia.us.

¹ <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/about/initiatives/HCBS>